



**STATE OF ARIZONA  
SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD**

Governor of Arizona  
Janet Napolitano

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John Arnold

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Dear School District Representative,

This year, all of the forms for annual reports due to the School Facilities Board (SFB) are accessible via our website. Just go to the District Information section of our website, select your district under the Main menu, and then select Annual Reporting. You will see a list of all of the reports due, with links to each form. Instructions are on each screen.

Some districts have asked whether any of the reports would be waived this year due to the adopted budget, which does not provide FY 2009 funding for new school construction or the building renewal formula.

Although the moratorium on new school construction temporarily suspends funding for new schools, it allows the SFB to continue to analyze ADM projections and make awards contingent on future appropriations. Continuing to identify new school construction needs through the capital plan process will provide the information necessary to budget for these needs in future years.

Additionally, as an exception to the moratorium on new school construction, the budget does provide design monies for full-day kindergarten (FDK) projects. Beginning this year, new construction analyses will count a kindergarten student as one whole student vs. one-half for ADM purposes. In this cycle, the SFB will distinguish new construction awards as FDK awards and Standard awards. Qualifying districts will receive funding in FY 2009 to begin the design phase of FDK awards.

Despite the lack of formula building renewal monies, districts are still required per A.R.S. §15-2031 H. to submit three-year building renewal plans by October 15. SFB staff strongly encourages districts to complete this report assuming that the formula will be fully funded again next year. By detailing building renewal needs for FY 10 and FY 11, school districts will provide the necessary narrative to help explain why these dollars are critical to the K-12 system.

Thank you for your diligence each year in working to submit these reports on time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Arnold", written over a horizontal line.

John Arnold